Officer's return. In cases of applications by wire, the Chief Ministerial Officer has been instructed to grant leave when the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer is on circuit.

166. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Medical Officers, subordinates to the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, have to obtain his permission even before they avail themselves of any casual leave on emergent occasions of an unforeseen nature;

(b) whether such system is in vogue in any other department of State administration;

(c) whether the above practice brought into being since the advent of the present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer has been causing undue hardship, expense and serious trouble to the subordinates concerned;

(d) whether there was absolute necessity for the enforcement of such a practice even in hospitals where there are more than one Medical Officer;

(e) whether they would be pleased to relax the vigour of that practice at least hereafter?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes.

(b) It is the general rule.

(c) The practice was in existence long before the advent of the present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

(d) and (e). Vide answer to question No. 164.

The pension drawn by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer from the British Government.

167. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the pension drawn by Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese, the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, from the British Government and the last grade pay drawn by him while in that service?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Government do not consider that any public purpose will be served by giving information.

Certain T. A. drawn by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

168. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government officers, while on leave or going on private business, can inspect their subordinate offices and claim T. A. therefor;

(b) whether Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese, the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, paid a visit to the Mala

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